MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

May 2024 — The May MNS meeting will be held at our traditional location and time, Thursday, May 16, at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall Community Room. Members are welcome to bring show and tell items, and we will have the semi-annual auction toward the end of the meeting.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.

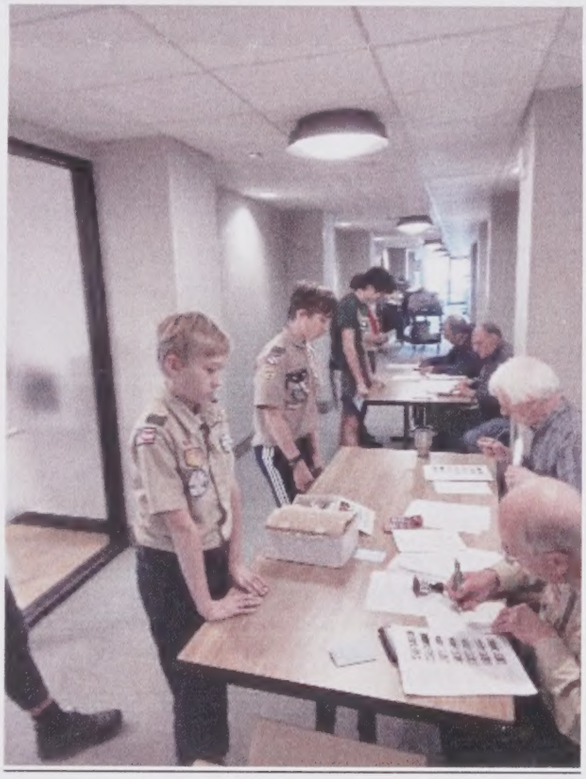
Unfortunately, no Coin of the Month for our May meeting since we will focus on our regular auction. We hope to have something extra special for the June meeting, so stay tuned!

The above photos are Joe Paonessa and the commemorative token he struck at the recent CSNS show, modeled after the Pine Tree Shilling.

May 2024 MNS President's Message

The Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic was another success this year. All of the boys in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves, and at the end all 10 scouts passed. This is a perfect size group to manage for the clinic. A hearty thank you to all the volunteers that helped (Bruce Benoit, Gary B, Dave Hunsicker, Bruce B, Dave H, and Jim H). And of course Leon for all the previous groundwork he put in to ensure this year ran smoothly.

Our regular auctioneer Dave will be unable to attend the May meeting, so I will stand in as auctioneer. Please see the list elsewhere in this newsletter for the items that will be up for bid. If for some reason you have an item or items to sell and were not able to get us the info in time for the newsletter list, please feel free to bring it along and we should be able to work it in as a last minute addition. We should have plenty of time for show and tell too, so if you just picked up anything interesting at the Central States show please consider bringing it in to tell us about it!



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IMPORTANT NOTE

This will be the final print newsletter sent to you by mail. Beginning with June, we will post the newsletter directly to our club website (https://milwaukeenumismaticsociety.com). Just click on the red "Newsletter" right above the "Calendar of Events". A pop-up will ask for user name ("member") and password ("1934"). Enter these parenthetical items without the quotes and that will bring you to the newsletter archive page. Please e-mail me if you have questions or issues with this new format.

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Schedule

Monthly meetings for the calendar year will proceed as scheduled. Our meetings will continue to run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 18:	New Officer Inductions
Feb 15:	Open
March 21:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
April 18:	Tom C. on Relic Medals
May 16:	Spring Auction/Show & Tell
June 20:	Coin Talk with Andy Kimmel
July 18:	Open
Aug 15:	ANA Show Recap/Show & Tell
Sept 19:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 17:	Autumn Auction / MNS 90th Anniversary Party
Nov 21:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Dec 19:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2024 are $10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2024 Numismatic Events

May 19:	Beaver Dam Coin Show (9-3 PM) American Legion Post 300 Beichl Avenue
June 2:	Portage Coin Show (9-3 PM) Portage Fair Grounds Bldg #6 300 Superior Street
Aug 6-10:	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL
Nov. 10:	MNS/NOW Coin Show (9-4 PM) Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 18:	Open
Feb 15:	John B.
March 21:	Open
April 18:	Jordan H.
May 16:	Paul K.
June 20:	Open
July 18:	Open
Aug 15:	Open
Sept 19:	Open
Oct 17:	Open
Nov 21:	Open
Dec 19:	Christmas Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

April 18, 2024

The 1,048th meeting of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society was called to order by MNS President Justin Perrault at 6:04 pm, April 18, 2024 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

In attendance were 17 members.

Door prizes were won by: Justin P., Jordan H., Dave G., Paul K. and Mike K.

The **Coin of the Month**, a 1995-S Proof Civil War Battlefield silver dollar was won by Jordan H. with a bid of $37.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was not available and will be deferred until the May 2024 meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 2024 meeting were passed unanimously.

Vice-President Report: The refreshment schedule is open for the rest of the year for members to volunteer to bring something to eat and drink. The July 2024 meeting is available for suggestions for a program.

Membership: Jim N. was approved for membership to MNS.

News: Jerry P passed away at the age of 69.

New Business: A discussion was had to consider the possibility of preparing the monthly newsletter electronically. Access would be through the MNS website. It would be in a PDF format to allow members to print out the newsletter. Look for future announcements on this issue.

Correspondence: April and May Numismatist were received. Also, the Central States Centinel winter/spring issue was received.

Show and Tell: As a follow-up of Justin's non-numismatic items, Jim N brought in a wooden cheese box from Spencer, WI; Tom S shared with us some Wisconsin Civil War tokens; Simon G had some "Incredible Finds"; Justin P presented some coin club commemoratives.

Program

Tom C presented a program on Relic Medals. Examples included ship relics from "Old Ironsides" and the USS Missouri; cannons from WW1 and Spanish American War; a relic from the Chicago fire and a Milwaukee relic from St. Gall's church that transitioned to Jesu church in 1894.

Respectively submitted by Jim Heinrich, MNS Vice President

AUCTION ITEMS

1. Set of 4 vintage Milwaukee beer bottle openers
2. Set of 2 vintage Feerick funeral home Milwaukee ashtrays
3. $50 movie set prop money used in Las Vegas filming of Netflix TV series Obliterated
4. Belgium 1941 5 Francs & 1944 2 Francs coins
5. 273 Wheat Cents 1910s-1950s
6. New Vintage Northern Bank Milwaukee key chain
7. Chet Krause memorial flag pin
8. 54 Assorted foreign coins Canada, Mex, Europe, Bahamas, etc.
9. 2 one-grain packaged gold ingots (about $10 bullion value)
10. 1972 Israel Mint Set (6 coins in plastic case)
11. 2007 Milwaukee ANA Judge's medal, 3" diameter, brass
12. Readers Digest book w/hidden compartments
13. 1967 Canadian coins in plastic pen and desk set
14. Two 10" ancient coin wall exhibits
15. 13-coin Oriental cash hanging globe w/coins wired together
16. Framed artist print, "2 Buffalo nickels, Arrowhead, and Buffalo" by Laverne Elliott
17. Qty. 17 different 1934 dated Mercury silver dimes, average circulation (MB $32)
18. Qty. 39 different 1935 dated Mercury silver dimes, average circulation (MB $75)
19. Qty. 37 different 1937 dated Mercury silver dimes, average circulation (MB $71)
20. Qty. 21 different USA silver quarters, mixed dates, some older (MB $100)
21. Sioux Indian Nation 2014 coin set, 6 different coins in blister pack
22. "America's First" medals, 16 different pewter medals in presentation set with official booklet

The Ambassador Award

By: Bruce Benoit

Just before Christmas 2023 I received a letter from the President of the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) organization. It was to inform me that I was selected to receive a Numismatic Ambassador Award and if I would be able to receive the award in person at the 69th Annual FUN Show on January 5th, 2024. I was surprised that I was voted to receive the award. This is a very prestigious award as there are less than 500 recipients since 1974 that have received it. It was first awarded by Krause Publications *Numismatic News* magazine. Started by Chet Krause and Clifford Mishler and awarded to up to five individuals per year. It was created to be given to persons that have contributed to the advancement of the numismatic hobby by volunteering at the local level for many years and may have not been recognized on the regional or national levels. Since Chet sold Krause Publications, the award was later picked up by Florida United Numismatist's organization and awarded at their annual winter convention. The award recipients are nominated and voted only by the previous selected numismatist's who have received the award.

I decided to receive the award in person and my wife and son joined me on the trip to sunny Florida to get away from the snow and cold that settled here in Wisconsin. We planned to turn the trip into a mini vacation and go to the "parks", both Universal Studios, Walt Disney, and to Cape Canaveral. The FUN show has been on my bucket list of conventions to attend for many years. The award was presented during a special breakfast, a floor above the bourse prior to the opening of the show to the general public. It was called the Florida United Numismatist's Numismatic Ambassador Breakfast. The breakfast was attended by invitation only by past award recipients and invited guests. Several past ANA Presidents were in attendance, as well as FUN board members. The program started with food, a good call by FUN President Tony Swicer, organizer of the event. After a great buffet breakfast, the Master of Ceremonies, David Harper, former editor of Numismatic News magazine recognized several dignitaries in the room and introduced Clifford Mishler to speak. Cliff talked about the history of this prestigious award, how it all started and some of the famous numismatists who have been past recipients.

At each table setting, there were leaflets summarizing this year's award winners by name and a listing of their numismatic background, contributions, and past awards presented. I was listed first, only because it was in alphabetical order as I jokingly stated when it was my turn to speak. We then went around the room with self-introductions. When it came to me to speak, I introduced my wife, Kathy and son, Nolan, and good friend Dan, a guest of mine. I then began to describe what this award meant to me and tell a story about how Clifford Mishler selected me to be his Assistant General Chairman of the World's Fair of Money, ANA's 2007 Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and how that was the highlight of my numismatic career. I think that everybody in the room felt the impact this award had on me as I could barely speak at several points, due to my emotions.

There were several different event souvenirs distributed among the attendees. An elongated quarter commemorating the event was given to all guests, and an elongated Half Dollar was given to each award recipient. There were also ungraded encapsulated 2023 U.S. Silver Eagles, commemorating the event distributed

by raffle tickets given to each Ambassador in attendance. I was fortunate to win one these cool keepsakes. I would like to personally thank Tony Swicer and the FUN organization for hosting this event and the nomination and votes from my peers. The award is in the form of an inscribed wooden plaque of over 3 pounds in weight with a large 6" bronze medal centered and has two engraved brass plates. The other award is a lapel pin with similar medal graphic as the plaque surrounded by: "NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR – Sponsored by Florida United Numismatists, Estab. 1974", about 1.5" and oval in shape. The award will be proudly hung in my home office which will remind me of this great day I will never forget and was able to share with my family and numismatic peers.

Clifford Mishler, myself, David Harper

Nancy & John Wilson, myself

In Memoriam

We are saddened to report that long time MNS member Jerome (Jerry) J. Panfil passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Jerry was 69 years old. He attended Pio Nono (Thomas More), graduated from Hamilton High School, and was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church. For over 30 years he worked as a messenger at Michael Best & Friedrich Law Firm in downtown Milwaukee. Upon retirement in 2013 he moved to Littleton, Colorado to be near his sister, Judy. He was living in a nursing home memory care unit. Jerry was a regular presence at MNS meetings until he moved away, and always enjoyed a summer flea market. Jerry was a collector of tokens & medals, particularly those with the name "Jerry" on them. Jerry's brother, Tom Panfil is also a member of the MNS and still regularly attends club meetings. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alois and Genevieve Panfil, who are buried at St. Adalberts Cemetery on Milwaukee's south side. Jerry is survived by his brother Tom, and sisters Judy and Angie.

The above is a picture of Jerry taken on September 5, 2013 (just before he moved to Colorado) holding a $1 large size note from his collection.

In Memoriam

We are also deeply saddened to report the recent passing of Donald (Don) Kaminski on April 25th at the age of 77 years. He was born in Milwaukee on October 22, 1946 to Celia and Jerome Kaminski. Don graduated from Boy's Tech in 1964 and Spencerian Business College in 1968. He worked as a professional accountant for over 50 years for various accounting firms and at one time owned his own practice. He was a regular fixture at our monthly meetings, always had a smile on his face, and was happy to help during club events. Don is survived by his wife Diane, son, daughter, and grandchildren.